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SUBJECT: STUDENT CONCERN OVER ARRESTED LEADER

REFS: (A) SINGAPORE 4461 (B) KUALA LUMPUR 5273

1. UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE STUDENTS' UNION (USSU) PRESIDENT TAN WAH PIOW REMAINS IN POLICE CUSTODY FOLLOWING HIS OCTOBER 30 ARREST FOR RIOTING (SEE REF A). YESTERDAY SIX USSU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT A MEETING WITH HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER CHUA SIAN CHIN TO REQUEST THE UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF THE JAILED USSU PRESIDENT. A USSU PRESS RELEASE CHARGING THAT TAN'S ARREST IS "PART OF AN ORGANIZED PLOT TO SUPPRESS WORKERS EXPRESSING AND DEMANDING THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS" HAS BEEN CIRCULATED ON A DOOR-TO-DOOR BASIS IN AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT.

2. MEANWHILE, THE UNIVERSITY IS IN THE MIDST OF A MID-TERM RECESS (CLASSES TO RESUME NOVEMBER 18). THUS, THE POSSIBILITY OF LARGE SCALE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE SEEMS UNLIKELY. HOWEVER, THE GOS IS NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES. THE ON-CAMPUS POLICE PRESENCE HAS BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY INCREASED.

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